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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the February 18, 2005 Office Action where the Examiner rejected all of the claims. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and appropriate fee are enclosed herewith. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter this Amendment and consider the accompanying responsive remarks.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. Brackets may also be used for deleted text or characters when strikeouts are not sufficiently clear, e.g., such as striking out a hyphen.

Specifically, support for amended claim 1 regarding using a dermal drug delivery system can be found in the original specification on page 3 lines, 20-25 and page 9, lines 19-29. Support for amended claim 1 regarding the temperature modification apparatus being separate from the dermal drug delivery system can be found on page 14, lines 11-25. The amendments to claim 22 are similar to the amendments of claim 1 and support for them can be found in the same portions of the specification.

New claims 24-27 were added and depend from claim 22. They derive their support from claims 2, 5, 14, and 20 as well as various areas of the specification.

New claim 28 is identical to claim 15 which has been canceled. Claim 24 was created so as to clarify its dependency from claim 28.

New claims 29-32 correspond to claims 7-10, which have been canceled. Claim 25 is now written in independent form so as to overcome the objection by the Examiner. The applicant asserts that there is no new matter in claims 29-32, and thus, no support outside the previously presented claims 7-10 is given.